



BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on
Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: S Breese (Chairman), S Reading (Vice Chairman), A Sage,
N Cox, J Butler, S Bird, D Dobson and N Ingram
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Buckinghamshire Councillor: Shade Adoh
8 Members of the Public

Due to members of the public being in attendance the Chairman in agreement with Councillors reordered the agenda.

166. **Apologies for absence:** Buckinghamshire Councillor Cllr Etholen and Cllr Carington
167. **Dispensations:** Cllr Ingram and Cllr Reading declared an interest in the grant application for Bledlow Ridge Village Hall (item 173). Dispensation forms were completed and the Proper Officer decided not to grant the dispensations as their involvement with the Village Hall means that their voting decision would already be predetermined. Cllr Ingram and Cllr Reading would not take part or vote on the grant application from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.
168. **To approve the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021:** The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and Cllr Bird.
169. **Planning Application 21/08708/FUL – Tudor Stud Farm House and Tudor Stud Cottage:**
- 169.1. A member of the public raised a concern with the design and size which he believes is not in fitting with the area.
 - 169.2. Councillors discussed the application and broadly were in favour, however the application goes against the neighbourhood plan.
 - 169.3. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to object to the application due to the contravention of the neighbourhood plan. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would request the application is called into the Committee. **Action:** Cllr Sage to amend existing draft as appropriate.
170. **To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillors:**
- 170.1. Cllr Adoh reported that the Lydebrook footpath review is still ongoing. The Ridgeway West Councillors have a meeting with the Director for Legal & Democratic Services next week and will follow up.
 - 170.2. North Mill Road sinkhole: An email was circulated to Councillors on this matter. The culvert which is beneath the public highway is the responsibility of TfB who will consider further investigation and remedial works for this as part of the Capital Drainage programme however, there is no remaining budget this financial year within the programme, so would be looking at subsequent years.
 - 170.3. Upper Icknield Way Road Surfacing: Cllr Reading stated he would raise under correspondence.
 - 170.4. An update was requested on the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Cllr Adoh stated that the Ridgeway West Councillors had made their reservations clear and that they hoped the Parish Council would be consulted. Cllr Adoh reported that she suspected that it will reopen at some stage but it is uncertain when and how. The Ridgeway West Councillors are awaiting a response from the Leader of Buckinghamshire Council.
171. **Outstanding Actions:**
- 171.1. **Piccadilly:** No progress, a letter has been drafted to the Cabinet Member for Transport which Cllr Breese wishes to review with Cllr Carington.
 - 171.2. **Rapid Rural:** The Clerk reported that an email had been received today requesting a meeting at this stage with the Parish Council only. Cllr Reading to arrange.
Action: Cllr Reading
 - 171.3. **HS2:** Cllr Reading reported that although our bids had not been approved similar work on the A4010 footpath is progressing well.

172. **Report from Committees and Working Groups:**

Parish Maintenance Committee:

172.1. Work has started today on The Crest Hedge.

172.2. Cllr Butler reported that the dog waste bin outside of Meadow Styles has now been removed but requested that the bin at the top of Haw Lane on the Chinnor Road which is rarely used should be moved down nearer Meadow Styles. To be added to Parish Maintenance Committee agenda.

Definitive Map and Statement Project Working Group:

172.3. Cllr Bird reported that all footpaths have now been surveyed and that the next phase will be registering identified repairs and maintenance. Cllr Bird thanked two members of the public who had been a big help in surveying the footpaths. Clerk to write thanking them. **Action: Clerk**

172.4. It was highlighted that the Parish Map does not reflect the boundary change near Shootacre Lane.

172.5. Cllr Butler raised a concern with reporting the issues through FixMyStreet and the amount of time it takes to see action, one particular issue was first reported in October 2020 and the problem still hasn't been rectified. Cllr Butler asked if the Parish Council would consider funding gates and signs through CIL. It was agreed that Cllr Bird and Cllr Butler will draw up an action plan / priority list and bring this to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion. It was suggested by Cllr Sage that if the Parish Council do decide to fund the repairs an application should be made to the Community Boards for match funding.

173. **Applications for Grants: Bledlow Ridge Village Hall £6K for redecoration of the interior of the Village Hall.**

173.1. A grant application form and supporting papers had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The Trustee of Bledlow Ridge Village Hall provided further information on the application.

173.2. Unfortunately, only two quotes had been received ahead of the meeting and these ranged from £5,035 to £8,880 + VAT.

173.3. Discussions were had and a vote taken with all Councillors in favour of approving the grant of up to £6,000 subject to a third quote being received.

174. **Planning Matters:** The Planning Schedule had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Breese asked Councillors to ratify the comments which had been prepared for submission:

New Planning Applications:

- 21/08688/VCDN: Routs Green Farm Retreat Lane Bledlow Ridge: No comment to make
- 21/08689/LBCS19L: Routs Green Farm Retreat Lane Bledlow Ridge: No comment to make
- 22/05022/TPO: 50 Saunderton Vale Saunderton: No objection
- 22/05035/CLP: Waverley Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Objection due to the scale and size of the plot being overextended. Conversion of the loft space to more bedrooms is acceptable but object to the existing garage converting to residential usage.
- 21/08708/FUL: Tudor Stud Farm House & Tudor Stud Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Objection due to the application being a contravention of the neighbourhood plan
- 22/05043/FUL: Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objections
- 22/05068/FUL: Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club Meadow Styles Playing Fields Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: No objection to this application as long as it remains for a temporary period
- 22/05107/FUL: 1 Ridgeside Bledlow Ridge: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council would like to raise the following observations: This site has been extensively developed in the last five years and also has concerns about the loss of light and privacy for neighbouring properties". It was noted that Cllr Butler declared an interest in the application and refrained from commenting and voting.
- Cllr Cox asked if Cllr Breese had declared an interest in planning application 21/08652/TPO: Piggotts Church End Bledlow which had been discussed last month. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Breese had declared an interest and refrained from commenting and voting.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 21/08019/FUL: The Cottage West Lane Bledlow: Application permitted
- 21/08020/LBC: The Cottage West Lane Bledlow: Application permitted
- 21/08030/FUL: Dove Cottage Holly Green Lane Bledlow: Application permitted
- 21/08312/FUL: Windermere Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: Application withdrawn
- 21/08308/FUL: 16 Woodland View Saunderton: Application permitted

175. **Authorisation of Payments:** The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
BCSPC	Reinstate Balance on Lloyds Account	£56.32		£56.32
BVH	Hall Hire May 21-Jan 22	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying October	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying November	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying December	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
BRVH	Hall Hire x 7 2022 (PC & PMC)	£245.00	£0.00	£245.00
Oxford Oak	Tree Works Holy Trinity	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00
Total		£1064.82	£104.70	£1169.52

Standing Orders - February Meeting

Payee	Description	Net Amount	Amount
Tracey Martin	Salary January	£648.96	£648.96
Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00	£10.00
Total		£658.96	£658.96

Lloyds Direct Debits - February Meeting

Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
IONOS	Monthly Charge	£17.94	£3.59	£21.53
GiffGaff	Monthly top up	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Zoom	Monthly Charge	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
IONOS	Monthly Charge - Missed last month	£12.00	£2.40	£14.40
Total		£46.93	£9.39	£56.32

All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Sage.

Action: Cllr Bird and Cllr Dobson will approve the payments online

176. **Enforcement Update for Information Only:** An update had been received and circulated on APP/K0425/C/21/3284343 Holpenny Barn: An appeal has been made to the First Secretary against an Enforcement Notice issued by Buckinghamshire Council on 21 September 2021 regarding the laying of hardstanding and the partial removal of a hedgerow.
177. **To Note Quarter 3 Accounts:** Quarter 3 accounts had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The accounts were noted and the Clerk reported that Cllr Cox had signed off the accounts.
178. **To Consider and Approve Devolution Agreement for 2022/2023:** Devolution agreement details had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Councillors discussed and a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to sign the 22/23 agreement with the Parish Council receiving £3,490.57.
179. **Bledlow Ridge Household Waste Recycling Centre:** Discussed under item 170.4.
180. **To Consider Platinum Jubilee Plans:** Two members of the public were in attendance and the Chairman permitted them to speak. The residents would like to organise the Jubilee event and have kindly offered their field as a venue. They presented plans on the event however, funding will be required. Discussions were had and it was agreed that in principle the Parish Council supports the plans and estimated costings of £1,250-£2,500. As the Parish Council is restricted on giving money to individuals it was proposed that the residents and Bledlow Ridge Village Hall would form a subcommittee with other local organisations involved to plan the event. The Village Hall subcommittee will then come to the March Parish Council will further information and possibly a grant application request.
Action: Cllr Ingram who is also Chairman of the Bledlow Ridge Village Hall Committee to confirm this arrangement is acceptable.
181. **To Consider and Approve a Scheme of Delegation:** A draft had been circulated ahead of the meeting. A vote was taken and all Councillors were unanimously in agreement to adopt the Scheme of Delegation.
182. **To Consider Buckinghamshire Community Energy – Leaky Homes Roadshow:** Cllr Breese reported that an organisation is offering thermal imaging for £20 per house which shows where the house is losing heat. Bledlow Oil Club are publicising this. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Sage if the Charity's Trustees could identify any residents in need. Cllr Sage stated that he couldn't provide details of residents but could give the residents the information on the organisation. Cllr Breese suggested that

the Parish Council fund up to 12 houses and this was unanimously agreed.

183. **To Consider Changing the Date of Parish Council Meeting:** Discussions were had on changing from the 1st Thursday to the 2nd Monday of the month. A vote was taken and all Councillors were in favour. It was agreed that the change would happen from June 2022 when the meeting dates are set at the Annual Council Meeting.
184. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 184.1. Cllr Bird reported that Shootacre Lane had been resurfaced.
 - 184.2. Cllr Butler stated that the footpath by Hilltop Lane needs residents to sign user evidence forms in order for an application to be made for a permanent path.
 - 184.3. Cllr Cox asked for an update on Speedwatch. The Clerk reported that the resident who had been interested had not confirmed a date for training. Cllr Cox will pick this up and try and move it forward. **Action: Cllr Cox**
 - 184.4. Cllr Reading reported that he had raised with the Buckinghamshire Councillors the condition of the Upper Icknield Way. A meeting will be taking place with the Local Area Technician.
 - 184.5. Cllr Reading asked for an update on the Bledlow Cross. Cllr Sage reported that there is a program of works that the estate is carrying out but will obtain an update. **Action: Cllr Sage**
 - 184.6. The Clerk reported that works had been approved on the bus shelter by The Hearing Dogs to repair the vandalism which had taken place. The cost is £329 which includes reinforcing the bus shelter to protect against any future damage.
 - 184.7. The Clerk reported that Buckinghamshire Council have a business support grant available for those within the hospitality sector. Contact Clerk for link / further information.
 - 184.8. The Clerk reported that she had received a request for nominations for Baton Bearers for the Commonwealth Games. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the email to local sports groups. **Action: Clerk**
 - 184.9. The Queens Garden Party Nomination was discussed.
185. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at Bledlow Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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